

# CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

Another positive week at school so far! It's been great to be able to do more 'outside assemblies' with each year (with Y1 and Y6 due tomorrow and YR not quite, but nearly ready!). The weather is making it slightly harder but we're catching time where we can! Next week, children will be rewarded for showing various 'qualities' during their school days. They know to show they are 'persevering', 'focusing', 'empathising', 'collaborating' and 'trying' and that someone will be nominated each week to receive a reward. These are all skills which are great to enable brilliant learning but are transferrable to all aspects of life. So when your child comes home with a gold sticker, ask them which skill they were demonstrating. AND when you're doing anything with them at home, tell them how important those qualities are and that if they practise them at home it will help them to demonstrate them in school.

### C19 SAFETY UPDATES

Children and adults alike are getting used to new routines and we're trying to improve continuously in order that as cases rise, our systems are firmly embedded and tweaked to be the best they can be, and the chances of infection are limited. Please do ensure children continue not to touch the playground equipment after school as our most valuable defence is the fact that during the school day we can pretty much guarantee there is no cross-contamination across bubbles.

### GUITAR LESSONS

The plan is that the guitar teacher will definitely be here tomorrow! Children need to leave their guitars in the Y5 canopy when they arrive at school

### SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS NEXT WEEK

We arranged pre-Covid for photos to be taken on Thursday next week (1<sup>st</sup> October). We're still hoping to go ahead in a revised, socially-distanced way. Photos will be taken outside, so if the weather is wet, we'll cancel at short notice. Classes will go out one at a time, so all the photos will be of individual children; we won't be able to offer sibling photos this time. However, we hope we'll be able to go ahead so that you do at least have the chance to buy photos of your children in this strange year that 2020 has turned out to be!

### READING ROUTINES

It is really important that reading routines with children are now established. We've allowed a good amount of time for you to get into that habit before other homework comes along too! It's also incredibly valuable for you to be reading to your children for as long as they will allow it. I know that even children in Y6 will continue to enjoy being read to, so keep that up for as long as you can!

### LUNCH MENU CHANGE

Educaterers are offering a special 'Census Day' deli-bag menu on Thursday next week on a 'mythical creatures' theme. As you can see from the attachment, there's a choice of 'mermaid's tuna fish and golden coral sweetcorn wrap' and 'fire-breathing dragon hot dog', with a suitably fantastic dessert to follow!

This is the day when we have to provide the government with various figures and statistics, including the number of

children in YR, Y1 and Y2 who are having a school lunch on that day as part of the UIFSM scheme (Universal Infant Free School Meals). **The more KS1 children who have a school meal that day, the more funding we as a school will receive next year. Put simply, ordering a meal for your KS1 child on Thursday next week will help increase our school budget.**

### CHARGES FOR CLINTON KIDS' CLUB

The charges for September and October sessions will be on your ParentPay accounts by the end of this week.

### FOR Y5 AND Y6 – KENILWORTH SCHOOL

Normally at this time of year, Kenilworth School would be holding their Open Evenings for parents and children. As an alternative this year, they will be posting material and videos online. Please keep an eye on their website [www.ksn.org.uk](http://www.ksn.org.uk) over the next week or so to view this information.

### APPLYING FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL – DEADLINE

Please note that the deadline for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October. For information and to apply online, please see <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/applying-secondary-school-place/apply-secondary-school-place/1>

**It is essential that you do not miss this deadline** – Kenilworth School was greatly oversubscribed this year and if you miss the deadline, it's extremely unlikely your child will be offered a place. **We strongly recommend that you apply by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** – this should help you avoid any last-minute hitches or IT problems.

### RECEPTION CLASS DATA SHEETS

These will be sent home tomorrow (after quarantining) for you to check the personal information we hold on your child. It would be hugely appreciated if you could deal with these over the weekend and return the document in your child's book folder on Monday. Thank you. Other year groups will receive theirs in the next couple of weeks.

### PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL

Although the road markings suggest there are some parking spaces on the road outside school, that's not actually the case! The white lines show not to park in front of drives, but there are other rules that come into force, like for example not parking opposite the zig-zag markings. For your children's safety, please keep the area outside school completely clear of parked cars. If you park opposite the zig-zag marks, traffic has to drive past on the wrong side of the road and drivers have to wait to let traffic through. It all makes the area more congested and makes it much more difficult for children to cross the road safely. Parking close to the corners has a similar effect. It should always be possible for you to find a safe parking space not too far away from school, particularly at this time of staggered starts and finishes. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

**SAM PATER  
HEADTEACHER**